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International patent classification (IPC)

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D21F 5/18 (2006.01)

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:



the international application in the language in which it was filed

a translation of the international application into _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:



international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))



publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))



international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):



the international application as originally filed/furnished



the description:

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the claims:

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the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 6442865 B1
 D2: WO 9856983 A1
 D3: US 4361466 A
 D4: US 5865955 A
 D5: WO 0236880 A1

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in amended claims 1-13 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed arrangement in a paper machine or similar. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in amended claims 1-13 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

Claims

1. An arrangement in a paper machine or similar, which includes a press section (11) equipped with one or more press nips (13.1, 13.2) and a dryer section comprising a web-supporting web transfer, a vertical impingement dryer (21) and one or more cylinder dryer groups, where the first dryer cylinder (14.1) of the first cylinder dryer group (14) is subsequent to the vertical impingement dryer (21), characterized in that the arrangement comprises a preimpingement dryer (20) with direct blowing against the paper web immediately before the vertical impingement dryer (21) for preheating the paper web before vertical impingement.

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2. An arrangement according to claim 1, characterized in that the preimpingement dryer (20) is gas-operated and set to dry a different side of the paper web than the vertical impingement dryer (21).

15 3. An arrangement according to claim 2, characterized in that the preimpingement dryer (20) comprises a maximum of 50%, most preferably 15-35% of the total impingement length.

4. An arrangement according to claim 1, characterized in that the preimpingement dryer (20) is straight and the inclination deviates 60° at the maximum from the horizontal.

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5. An arrangement according to any of the preceding claims 1-4, in which associated with the last nip (13.2) of the press section (11) there is a loop formed by a transfer belt (28), characterized in that the preimpingement dryer (20) is set on the said transfer belt (28).

25 6. An arrangement according to any of the claims 1-5, characterized in that the vertical impingement dryer (21) comprises two impingement dryers (21.1, 21.2) set on the opposite side of a down-extending web transfer, short in the machine-direction, arranged to dry the same paper web side.

30 7. An arrangement according to claim 6, characterized in that the vertical impingement dryer (21) comprises several rolls (21.4, 21.5), which support and lead the said down-extending web transfer of the dryer fabric 14.2 on the inner side of the fabric loop.

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8. An arrangement according to any of claims 1-6, characterized in that the center line of the vertical impingement dryer (21) deviates a maximum of 35° from the perpendicular.

9. An arrangement according to any of claims 1-8, characterized in that the blast gas temperature in at least one impingement dryer (20, 21) is in a range of 250°C-700°C.

10. An arrangement according to any of claims 1-9, characterized in that the vertical impingement dryer (21) is set to dry unilaterally and the same side as the first subsequent dryer cylinder (14.1).

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11. An arrangement according to any of claims 1-10, characterized in that the draw difference from the press to the first cylinder is arranged to be set below 2.9%, most preferably below 2.5%.

15 12. An arrangement according to any of claims 1-10, characterized in that for the vertical impingement unit there is—

- arranged an own fabric loop when the subsequent dry content - moisture is 48-54%, or
- a fabric loop common with the short dryer cylinder group when the dry content - moisture after the blowing units is 52-57%, or
- 20 - a fabric loop common with the long dryer cylinder group when the dry content - moisture after the blowing units is 56-65 %.

13. An arrangement according to claim 1, characterized in that preimpingement drying comprises a steambox (16.1).